

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:756
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2007
BONDED CHILD LABOURERS
Mahto Shri Tek Lal

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of bonded child labourers liberated from January 01, 2006 to till date, State-wise ;
- (b) the details of arrangements for the rehabilitation of such children, State-wise; and
- (c) the total number of such children who are living in remand home for not being rehabilitated, where they are bound to live in pathetic conditions ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a)to(c) : A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 756 FOR ANSWER ON 05.03. 2007 BY SHRI TEK LAL MAHTO.

The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 does not make any distinction between child bondage and adult bondage. Number of bonded labour liberated and rehabilitated from January 01, 2006 to 28th February, 2007 is 165. However, the Government is separately implementing the National Child Labour Project

(NCLP) Scheme for rehabilitating all working children withdrawn from hazardous occupations and processes. Under the Scheme, working children are identified through child labour survey, withdrawn from work and put into the special bridge schools, so as to provide them with enabling environment to join mainstream education system. In these Special Schools, besides formal education, they are provided stipend @ Rs. 100/- per month, Nutrition, Vocational Training and Health check-up.